

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 62, inclusive remain in this application along with newly added claims 75 - 94, inclusive. Claims 63 - 74, inclusive have been cancelled. Claim 41 has been amended.

The foregoing amendments represent corrections of typographical errors and addition of claims supported in the specification. No new matter has been added. The claims are directed to a pre-packaged cheese bag having a slider-type reclosable fastener as seen in the figures.

Claims 1 through 62, inclusive, and newly added claims 75 through 94, inclusive are hereby submitted for consideration under this new divisional application. Early allowance is respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**In the specification:**

On page one, prior to the first paragraph, the following new paragraph has been inserted:

This is a divisional application of co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/431,732, filed on 1 November 1999, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/133,810, filed on 11 May 1999.

Paragraph beginning at line 31, page 22 has been amended as follows:

Referring to Figure 5, a second embodiment of the present invention 1 is illustrated. As may be seen from Figure 5 two bags 100 are shown prior to their being separated along seam 101. This embodiment includes score lines 12 laid out in an alternative pattern that includes curve or arcuate section 13 and tear notch 24. As further disclosed in Figure [7] 5 the parent film 10 is sealed at section 26 to either its opposing sides 35 and 36 or the structure of the zipper assembly 20. The tear notch 24 provides a starting point for removing the fold structure 11, which is located above the zipper assembly 20. The fold structure 11 being defined by the location of the score lines 12. The score lines 12 extending along curve 13 to a predetermined area below the zipper assembly 20 for substantially the entire width of the reclosable bag 100 facilitating removal of the hood or fold structure 11 and exposure of the zipper structure 20a. The embodiment of Figure 5 further including a hermetic seal 40. --

Paragraph beginning at line 20, page 23 has been amended as follows:

Referring now to Figure 8, a cross-sectional view of the embodiment of Figure [7] s 5 and 6 may be seen. In particular, the integral skirt 16, usually comprised of two strips or pieces of plastic film or a one-piece unit of continuous film, may be seen to have its outside surface 19 sealed hermetically to the inside surfaces 36a and 35a at respective hermetic seals 40a and 40. Additionally, a peelable seal 50 is located at the bottom of the skirt 16. Any standard commercially known resealable adhesive 51 may be used to make the peel seal 50. The peel seal 50 may also be a hermetic seal 40b.--

In the claims:

Claim 41 has been amended as follows:

Claim 41 (amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material having a propensity to tear along at [last] least two predetermined tear areas; having at least one fold structure located between and defined by said

two tear areas, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said two tear areas and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said two tear areas and into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said opening.

Claims 63 - 74, inclusive have been cancelled.